

June 1st

Psalms: 85 (MP), 122 (EP)

Sonia & Bob Mitchell: Loving Father give us your strength to be our guide in these uncertain times. We pray for our families and friends and for those in our neighbourhood and especially those living on their own. We give thanks for the community spirit provided by volunteers to help with shopping, deliver hot meals and to be a friendly voice on the telephone. We are grateful for modern technology so that we can "zoom" into church services on-line or hold virtual meetings so that life can go on. May we use our time carefully during this slower pace to appreciate God's presence around us and enjoy listening to the various birdsongs in our gardens, admire the opening of new flowers and being part of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Banwell Amateur Dramatic Group

Lectionary Readings: Romans 12: 9—16; Luke 1: 39—49

June 2nd

Psalms: 132 (MP), 135 (EP)

Caz Carter: As the school start to return to school please pray for all the pupils and their teachers. Pray for those who are returning to a very different school as well as those who still can't return. Pray especially for all the teachers who will be caring for those in school and at home. Lord surround them with your love and pray that they will have peace in these uncertain times

Location/Organisation: Homes in The Causeway.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 2; Luke 9: 28—36

June 3rd

Psalms: 119: 153—end (MP), 136 (EP)

Barry Sparks: My last prayer for the prayer diary was written in late February when Covid 19 had not taken a grip on the country/world. Since then we have experienced very different times and our whole way of life has been turned upside down. However, some things remain the same and we can thank God for that. We still have the beautiful countryside around us and glorious weather to enjoy it. We can now meet people from other households albeit at a distance and in an open space but it gives us chance to re-engage with community. Life may have changed significantly from what it was, hopefully for the better, with more tolerance and support for our family members and those around us. We don't know how long this change will last but we can all use it to re-assess what is really important in our lives and how the simple things, that were taken for granted, begin to command greater respect and significance. Let us pray that we learn from this experience and thank God for his grace that we come through unscathed.

Location/Organisation: Staff, pupils & Governors at St Anne's School.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 3; Luke 9: 37—50

June 4th

Psalms: 143 (MP), 138 (EP)



NHS: For hospital staff and medical researchers: Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Location/Organisation: All who read in church services.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 4: 1—5: 1; Luke 9: 51—end

June 5th

Psalms: 144 (MP), 145 (EP)

David Ashton-Hilton: Father, we pray for all those new congregations which started meeting just before Lockdown, and also for all ordained and lay ministers who have started in new positions similarly just before Lockdown. May both the congregations and the ministers manage to grow despite the trying circumstances, and may Your Kingdom not be thwarted or hindered in any way. Please bless both the new congregations and the new ministers, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the local traveller families in Moorlands Park

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 5: 2—end; Luke 10: 1—16

June 6th

Psalms: 147 (MP), 97 (EP)

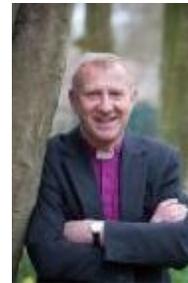
Nick & Marion Braine: Lord, we thank you for embracing us and everyone in the world with your love during this pandemic. We know that you care for all of us, despite the ways in which we have used the beautiful world which you gave us. We now pray for all the people whom we have forgotten. We remember refugees, the persecuted, those who work to protect us, those who govern us and work for and with us, but we forget those who are not in the news.

Location/Organisation: Staff, pupils and Governors at St Andrew's School

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 6: 1—20; Luke 10: 17—24

Sunday June 7th

Trinity Sunday



Bishop Peter: We pray for Bishop Peter for wisdom in continuing to work out how the church can operate safely and in accordance to guidelines. Also please pray for wisdom as the bishops work out how, when and where Ordinations should take place. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Chestnut Close.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Corinthians 13: 11—end; Matthew 28: 16—20

Diary:

June 8th

Psalms: 1 (MP), 4 (EP)

Colin & Jenny Campbell: Dear Lord. All of us having been through difficult times just lately. Perhaps we could ask people to think more of those charities who can no longer help others without their usual income thus poorer people are missing out. Could you please reach out to people who can afford it to give as much as they would if they went to a shop or more so that the poor do not miss out. Thank you. Amen

Location/Organisation: The Sunday School leaders.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 7: 1—15; Luke 10: 25—37

June 9th

Psalms: 5 (MP), 9 (EP)

David & Doreen Treasure: Dear Lord, We give thanks to you for guiding us in all we do. We pray that you will take care of those less fortunate than us. Thank you for keeping us safe during the coronavirus pandemic. We feel safe in the knowledge that doctors, NHS staff and carers, are there for us when we need them. We thank you for giving them the courage and skills to look after those that suffer and pray that it will soon be dormant. As recent newcomers to Congresbury, we found St. Andrew's and the Methodist Church members, neighbours and family, have given us a very warm and friendly welcome. For this, Dear Lord we are truly grateful. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those in Orchard Close.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 7: 16—end; Luke 10: 38—end

June 10th

Psalms: 119: 1—32 (MP), 11 (EP)

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Location/Organisation: For safety of those using the roads through our villages.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 8: 1—29; Luke 11: 1—13

June 11th

Psalms: 100 (MP), 147 (EP)



Foodbank: Lord we pray for all vulnerable families who struggle in normal times but for whom Coronavirus has added to their worries. May they be reassured by the presence of the foodbank and know that others care for them through increased donations and the beauty of giving to others. Pray for the volunteers who coordinate the donations and ensure it is allocated properly and fairly. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For those who drive & look after "Bluey"

Lectionary Readings: Acts 11: 19—end; John 15: 12—17

June 12th

Psalms: 17 (MP), 22 (EP)

Government: We pray today for our Government and all in authority who have difficult decisions to make over the relaxing of lockdown rules. May they be guided by your wisdom to make the best decisions for all concerned. May the governments of the world be open to receive wisdom, willing to seek peace, and inspired to seek the good of their citizens, their countries and our world.

Location/Organisation: For local pre-school groups

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 9: 3—26; Luke 11: 29—36



June 13th

Psalms: 23 (MP), 24 (EP)

Flower Arrangers: Please pray for all those who organise and arrange the flowers in our churches. May God grant that their eyes, their hearts and their hands may receive His inspiration enabling them to glorify His house with the beauty of the leaves and blossoms that He has created.

Location/Organisation: Those on the intercessory prayer rota.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 24: 29—end; Luke 11: 37—end

Sunday June 14th

1st Sunday after Trinity

Chris & Tina Hynes: NOT FORGOTTEN.

Dear Lord. At a time when the world is consumed with the coronavirus, and we do pray for all those affected by it, let us also offer a prayer for all those in our world today who are still persecuted for their beliefs; starving with little hope of a harvest and sick with no cure in sight. We pray for them today. They are not forgotten.

Location/Organisation: The homes in Paul's Causeway.

Lectionary Readings: Romans 5: 1—8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

June 15th

Psalms: 30 (MP), 28 (EP)

Rachael Hawkins: Dear Lord, I pray for everyone to keep safe and well. Please help a vaccine against the virus to be found soon. Please look after all the animals in the fields, and protect them from the awful viruses, and the farm workers too.

Location/Organisation: All who help with the Children and youth groups

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 14:; Luke 12: 1—12

June 16th

Psalms: 36 (MP), 33 (EP)

David & Pauline Kemp: Risen Lord, you meet us in gentleness,
You come close to us, no matter our situation
You take the weariness and pain of lockdown
And warm our hearts with your presence
As our heart melts in the moment, Lord,
Let your Holy Spirit flow through us
That we may play our part
In the renewing of our communities
And of our world. Amen

Location/Organisation: For God's anointing on all the services at Puxton Church

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 21: 43—22: 8; Luke 12: 13—21

June 17th

Psalms: 34 (MP), 119: 33–56 (EP)

Barry & Joan Hogarth: Dear Lord, as we continue to live through these very challenging times, we give thanks that you have given us such very good weather since the beginning of the lockdown. I shudder to think how we would have fared had all this happened during the winter. We are grateful for the calming effect of the relaxation in our gardens but we pray for those who are not so fortunate. It is so gratifying to experience all the good will and support being offered by friends and neighbours. We just pray that we can all get back to some sort of normality with our families soon.

Location/Organisation: People living in Walnut Tree Court.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 22: 9—end; Luke 12: 22—31

June 18th

Psalms: 37 (MP), 40 (EP)

Iris Belsten: Heavenly Father we thank you for our lovely village and surrounding countryside. We thank you for all the kind and caring People who live in our village who are working hard to help those in need, and isolation, our shopkeepers, chemist, and those collecting and delivering to the food bank. We pray for our pastoral leaders who are constantly contacting people in both our churches, and we ask for their stability, for patience and sensitivity to say the right words. Heavenly Father help us all to fill our village with kind deeds and loving words, Amen.

Location/Organisation: Our church admin team.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 23; Luke 12: 32—40

June 19th

Psalms: 31 (MP), 35 (EP)

Jan Martin: "and God saw that it was good" as he created our amazing world. He must have enjoyed the variety of plant and wildlife, designing intricate patterns and beautiful colours. Recently we have had more time to appreciate his artistry — hearing the song of birds — watching bees in their hunt for nectar — enjoying the ducklings on the river, and oh, so much more. Lord thank you for giving us so much interest and joy. May we take care of all these treasures that you have lavished so generously upon us.

Location/Organisation: Children's centres

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 24: 1—28; Luke 12: 41—48

June 20th

Psalms: 42 (MP), 46 (EP)

Sonya Stocker: Dear lord, we especially pray and give thanks for all those key workers who have continued to work throughout the Coronavirus, ensuring that some services have continued. We thank the refuse collectors for continuing to take away our rubbish, for teachers still keeping some level of teaching going whether that has been directly or through on line teaching. We thank drivers who have continued to deliver essential items including food to us and our homes. And for so many other people who have continued to ensure our safety and services are provided. We thank our emergency services who have continued tirelessly with their jobs even though they have often faced danger themselves. We give thanks to care staff everywhere who have had to cope with so much. And of course we thank all staff, especially nurses and doctors who have been at the front of it all and continued with their professional care towards all. May God bless them all and their loved ones. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Bridge Farm Square.

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 24: 29—end; Luke 12: 49—end

Sunday June 21st

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Matt: Today is the summer solstice, the northern hemisphere's longest day - a good day to pray for our beautiful planet and creation. Lord, as we all begin to emerge as individuals and as countries from the Lockdown please help us to be mindful of our impact on creation. Help us to dream new dreams of how we can be. Inspire and sustain those who are trying to innovate and encourage new ways of helping us see, value and care for your world. And help governments, companies, and us as individuals to take this opportunity that such constraint and pain has brought upon us to say, let us not go back to how things were before, especially with the voice of need for profit and recovery becoming ever louder in our ears. May your Holy Spirit support us as a human community and as your Church to be agents and advocates of change. Amen

Location/Organisation: Homes & businesses on Station Rd & St Andrew's Close

Lectionary Readings: Romans 6: 1b—11; Matthew 10: 24—39

June 22nd

Psalms: 44 (MP), 47 (EP)

Charlotte Polledri: Our dear loving Lord. As we continue to ride the storm during these strange unprecedented times, we ask you to shine your light and wrap your arms around the most vulnerable families in our communities. Those that wake every morning in fear, uncertainty and without hope. May they be comforted by your love and of those who in our communities that support and love them. Our dear precious Lord, we thank you.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Gables Close, Banwell High Street

Lectionary Readings: Judges 2; Luke 13: 1—19

June 23rd

Psalms: 48 (MP), 50 (EP)

Graham & Julie Preston: There is so much which could and should be said about the Coronavirus pandemic and the impact it has had on the whole world. However, more importantly, we give thanks and praise to God for family life, one which is filled with love and understanding. To be close spiritually, if not physically, to all our loved ones and friends during these difficult times. Throughout the pandemic we have heard of many acts of love and kindness shown from complete strangers willing to help others in their time of need. We pray the world will remember these acts of unselfish kindness and love.

Location/Organisation: For the village libraries.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 4: 1—23 Luke 13: 10—21

June 24th

Psalms: 50 (MP), 80 (EP)



Vine Counselling: In these strange times, we give thanks that Vine has been able to continue operating through its counsellors and staff adapting to new ways of working and still reaching out to those in need. May clients get the care and reassurance they need, and we give thanks for the collaborative work of all staff and trustees that have the service going at this time. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes on Weston Rd, Old Weston Rd & Dolemoor Lane.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 13: 14b—26; Luke 1: 57—66, 80

June 25th

Psalms: 57 (MP), 62 (EP)

Sam Welch: Thank you for showing us the blessings and beauty of the world that surrounds us, even though we are going through pain, loss and uncertainty. Please help us to show support, a listening ear and compassion as we all experience and adjust to change, all the while knowing that you hold us in your love.

Location/Organisation: For Vine Counselling Service

Lectionary Readings: Judges 6: 1–24 Luke 14: 1–11

June 26th

Psalms: 51(MP), 62 (EP)

Gloria Boddy: Father we give thanks for all those workers on the front line working to keep us safe, the NHS, the delivery drivers, the refuse collectors and all who help us as we wait for life to return to normal

Location/Organisation: For the residents of Puxton and Hewish.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 6: 25 = end; Luke 14: 12–24

June 27th

Psalms: 68 (MP), 66 (EP)

Ruth Williams: Grant us Lord God A vision of your world as your love would have it; A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor; A world where the riches of creation are shared and everyone can enjoy them; A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; A world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Red letter Christians UK)

Location/Organisation: For agencies helping people with drug and alcohol problems.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 7; Luke 14: 25—end

Sunday June 28th

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Sue Hoskins: Today I should have been ordained as a Deacon at Wells Cathedral . Please pray for everyone who has had to put aside big events, holidays or celebrations this year; and as plans are rearranged or rescheduled please give patience in the waiting and the continuing joy of anticipation. Please would you pray for me as I start work next week in my Curacy Parish - Wrington and please pray for wisdom for the Bishops as they work out how , when and where Ordinations should take place. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Visiting teams.

Lectionary Readings: Romans 6: 12—end; Matthew 10: 40—end

June 29th

Psalms: 71 (MP), 124 (EP)

Barry & Ruth Wratten: During this strange time of transition from our "normal" form of existence into one that is not so familiar, we have had time to take stock and have witnessed so much change in behaviour - acts of kindness and more willingness to engage and "be there" for others. We may have doubts because of what is going on. We may have discovered a new direction. Whatever is happening, Lord, we know that your love is steadfast and unconditional. Your desire is for us to let this love overflow into making a difference in other people's lives. We ask you to walk with us please to help us all maintain these demonstrations of Your essence as we move forward. Help us make good come out of this horror. Amen

Location/Organisation: For Puxton Church

Lectionary Readings: Acts 12: 1–12; Matthew 16: 13 -1 9

June 30th

Psalms: 73 (MP), 74 (EP)



Appleshed: From Chloe and Alyx. We pray for all families with children who may be struggling to understand the current situation and we hope they can find comfort and support in the community and in God.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Glen Yeo Terrace.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 9: 1–21; Luke 15: 11—end